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SUBJECT: LUSAKA TALKS ON RHODESIA

1. WE HAVE OBTAINED SCANT BUT USEFUL CLARIFYING VIEWS FROM TANZANIAN DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE WHOSE PRESIDENT WAS "IN CHAIR" THROUGHTOUT LUSAKA TALKS BETWEEN RHODESIAN LEADERS AND NATIONALISTS. SOURCE ALSO HAS CLOSE PERSONAL AND WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ZAMBIAN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA.

2. IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE WAS NOT RPT NOT THE PHRASE USED BY RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS IN THEIR PRESENTATION. IT IS PHRASE ADOPTED BY SMITH IN HIS DEC 7 PRESS RELEASE FROM SALISBURY EXPLAINING REASON WHY TALKS BROKEN OFF. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER REPORTEDLY TOLD MARK CHONA IN ONE OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS PREPARATORY TO LUSAKA TALKS THAT MAJORITY RULE WAS PHRASE WHICH SENT SMITH'S BLOOD PRESSURE RISING AND BLACK AFRICANS WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO SKIRT PHRASE BY PUTTING DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF
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IMPROVED FRANCHISE FOR MAJORITY. BALCK AFRICANS DID NOT

WANT TO BE UNDERHANDED OR DECEITFUL AND CHOSE TO CALL SPADE A SPADE. IT WAS INDEED WHEN MAJORITY RULE AROSE THAT SMITH'S REPRESENTATIVES CLOSED THEIR BRIEF CASES. SOURCE AND OTHER AFRICANS PUZZLED WHY PHRASE SHOULD HAVE SUCH A REACTION IF SMITH WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS AS IT IS OBVIOUSLY THIS IS CORE THEME OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN THEIR ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE AND THAT OF OAU.

3. SOURCE REMINDED THAT GHANA, CAMEROON, ZAMBIA, TANZANIA, KENYA CONSTITUTE AD HOC COMMITTEE CREATED IN JAN 1973 BY OAU COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LIBERATION OF AFRICA TO UNITE THE ZIMBABWEAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. TANZANIA CURRENTLY IN CHAIR AND THIS IS WHY PRESIDENT NYERERE AND TANZANIA WERE GIVEN SUCH A BAD NAME (REFERENCE TO BBC REPORT THAT MWALIMU ENDORSED "IMMEDIATE MAJORITY RULE" LINE AND STRESSED BY SMITH'S DEC 10 SALISBURY RELEASE CRITICAL OF NYERERE); ALSO WHY TANZANIANS LIKED TO MILITANTS AMONG RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS, ALTHOUGH THEY INDEED CLOSE TO ZANU'S SITHOLE AND CHITEPO.

4. SOURCE INSISTED THERE WAS PERFECT HARMONY AMONG PRESIDENTS WHO SPONSORED BUT DID NOT DIRECTLY PARTICIPATE IN TALKS (CONTRARY TO WHAT VOA REPORTING). ALL FAVORED UNITY AMONG RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS, EACH SPOKE ELOQUENTLY TO SUBJECT IN PRIOR MEETINGS IN WHICH NATIONALISTS WERE COUNSELED. UNITY OF ZANU, ZAPU AND FROLIZI WITHIN ANC WAS THE BIG ACHIEVEMENT OF TALKS. SECOND OBJECTIVE WAS GETTING RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS AND SMITH REGIME TOGETHER.

5. FACT TALKS ENDED AFTER EACH SIDE PRESENTED ITS VIEWS NOT RPT NOT SURPRISING IN SOURCE'S VIEW. THIS IS OFTEN NORMAL COURSE OF THIS TYPE MEETING AND DOES NOT PRECLUDE RESUMPTION OF TALKS. SOURCE REFUSED TO CALL THEM "NEGOTIATIONS," CONTENDING MAJORITY RULE IS NOT NEGOTIABLE QUESTION BUT A RIGHT.

6. WOULD UNITY AMONG RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS STICK IN VIEW OF HISTORY OF TWO PREVIOUS FAILURES? SOURCE THOUGHT IT CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD, NOT BECAUSE MARCH TO MAJORITY RULE SEEMED CLOSER AT HAND THAN IN PAST, OR EVEN BECAUSE MOMENTUM TOWARD INDEPENDENCE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA HAD ACCELERATED SINCE PORTUGUESE COUP. ESSENTIAL REASON WAS CONVICTION AMONG RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS, MOVINGLY EXPRESSED BY ANC LEADER BISHOP MUZOREWA IN PREPARATORY MEETING. SOURCE SAID HE AWAKENED EXILED ZANU, ZAPU AND FROLIZI LEADERS INTO UNDERSTANDING THAT FEELING

AMONG "SILENT MAJORITY" OF BLACKS IN RHODESIA IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS WHEN MOST LEFT THE MAINSTREAM OF RHODESIAN LIFE SOME TEN YEARS AGO. BISHOP TOLD THE ASSEMBLED NATIONALISTS IN LUSAKA THAT RHODESIAN MASSES ARE FOR MOST PART UNATTACHED POLITICALLY, HAVE NO STRONG LOYALTIES TO ANY MOVEMENT OR GROUP, BUT ARE OF ONE VOICE IN WANTING MAJORITY RULE.

7. SOURDE REPORTED BISHOP EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS "BEING IN HEAVEN" AT PROSPECT OF UNION AMONG RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS BUT FEARFUL OF CONTINUING TO "BE IN HELL" IF DIVISIONS CONTINUED. BISHOP'S SIMPLE EXPLANATION AND ORATORY SEEMS TO HAVE WON DAY. SOURCE ACKNOWLEDGED MUZOREWA IN TIME MIGHT GIVE WAY TO OTHER, MORE DYNAMIC LEADER TO HEAD UP ANC, ALTHOUGH NO NAME ADVANCED.

8. WHETHER TALKS WILL START UP AGAIN DEPENDS TO VERY LARGE EXTENT ON POWERS OF PERSUASIONS OF SAG PREMIER JOHN VORSTER. SOURCE ADDED THAT SMITH GOVERNMENT POSITION HARD TO ASSESS AS DIVISIONS SURFACED AMONG SMITH'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LUSAKA (WE UNDERSTAND FROM ANOTHER SOURCE THESE WERE RHODESIAN CHIEF JUSTICE, SECRETARY TO CABINET AND TWO OTHERS). SOURCE STATED CABINET SECRETARY WAS EVEN MORE ARROGANT AND OFFENSIVE THAN SMITH.

9. DID SOURCE HAVE ANY VIEWS ON ROLE, IF ANY, VARIOUS FOREIGN PATRONS OF RHODESIAN NATIONALISTS WOULD PLAY? SOURCE PREDICTABLY SAID NO PROBLEMS EXPECTED FROM CHINESE, BUT SOVIETS WOULD CERTAINLY CAUSE TROUBLE AS THEY WERE DOING IN THE CASE OF ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS.

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10. FINAL QUESTION: HOW EXPLAIN PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S EXTRAORDINARY OUTBURST OF TEMPER AT CIVIC DINNER DEC 9 (SEPTEL). SOURCE SAID GENERAL LEAKS FROM TALKS WERE ANNOYING TO KK IN VIEW OF GRZ TIGHT SECURITY LID, BUT WHAT REALLY GRAVELED, SOURCE'S PERSONAL VIEW, WAS TIMES OF ZAMBIA FRONT PAGE STORY DEC 9 REPORTING ON MARK CHONA'S TRIPS TO SALISBURY AND PRETORIA AND FONMIN MWAANGA'S TALKS WITH SAG FONMIN MULLER IN NEW YORK TOGETHER WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF MWAANGA'S PLANS TO TRAVEL TO AFRICAN STATES TO EXPLAIN LUSAKA TALKS ON RHODESIA. IT WAS HARD TO PIN SOURCE DOWN REGARDING LIKELY OFFENDER WHOM KK CHALLENGED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF, BUT FINGER SEEMED TO POINT IN DIRECTION OF FONMIN MWAANGA, ESPECIALLY AS SOURCE EMPHATICALLY SAID HE MOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT BE

BRIEFING DIPLOMATIC CROPS AS UNDER SECRETARY OF
MOFA HAD TOLD SOME OF US. ALSO SUGGESTED MWAANGA
MIGHT BE GOING ON LONG-POSTPONED VACTION. SAID
LUSAKA TALKS WERE VERY MUCH A STATE HOUSE AFFAIR
AND TIGHTLY HELD.

1. FROM HIGHLY PLACED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WE
LATER LEARNED THAT PM MAINZA CHONA MIGHT TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY WITH TIMES EDITOR PUNABANTU. TIMES
OF DEC 11 CARRIED FRONT PAGE APOLOGY TO PRESIDENT FOR
"ANEXIETY" CAUSED BY ANY OF ITS REPORTS, MATTER MAY WELL BE
CLOSED ON THAT NOTE.
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